

Name Jim Bell Chairman At School Board Inaugural

James Bell was named chairman and Frank Dewhurst vice-chairman when Milton Public School Board held its inaugural meeting on Monday evening of this week.

Chairman Bell welcomed three new board members, A. Cooke, W. G. Riddell and J. W. McCutcheon, as well as former members J. W. Ostler and F. Dewhurst.

Other appointments included Mrs. E. Readhead as secretary-treasurer at a salary of \$1,200 yearly and F. McNiven as attendance officer at \$10 a school month.

Committees named included: finance, J. W. Ostler, J. W. McCutcheon; property, F. Dewhurst, W. G. Riddell, A. Cooke; supplies and population, J. W. McCutcheon, W. G. Riddell; personnel, A. Cooke, F. Dewhurst.

Trustees viewed samples of furniture recommended for the W. I. Dick school and authorized Trustee Ostler to proceed with the purchase of the desks, project tables and other furniture.

Guarantee bonds were received and filed covering the roof installations on the W. I. Dick school. Members declined membership in the Ontario School Trustees and Ratepayers Association, noting information had not been provided when requested last year.

Members inquired about certain insurance coverage and the secretary was instructed to obtain a statement of the Board's complete insurance.

A letter from the Town of Milton asked clarification on the type of right-of-way required from the Kingsleigh Court area over the C.N.R. tracks to the new W. I. Dick school. Board members indicated the only probable type of right-of-way would be an underpass with a portion of the cost being assessed to the Board.

Copies of letters from the architect to the contractors were reviewed authorizing changes in the

contract. The school caretaker was to be asked to construct a box around a low hydrant to insure its use if necessary, prior to raising it in the spring.

Board members were startled to learn that a teacher employed by the board in 1922-23 and paid a salary of \$960 was unable to collect superannuation for the term since the money—\$24—had not been deducted by the board. The superannuation fund representative suggested the funds should be paid by the board but unfortunately the interest on the \$24 amounted to \$96.97 for a total amount of \$120.97.

Board members agreed to investigate the situation further to determine the board's liability.

Approval was given to have a wire mesh guard rail protection placed along the new access bridge to the W. I. Dick school site.

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First Baby

Milton's first baby of 1958 didn't arrive on the stroke of midnight as did New Year babies in other centres, but hesitated until nearly 15 hours later to make his arrival.

Jack Jagt, born at 2:35 p.m. New Year's day to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Jagt of R.R. 1, Milton, was the first to arrive at Milton Private Hospital this year. The boy weighed in at eight lbs. four ozs., and Dr. A. T. Hunter assisted Madam Stork in the delivery. Mother and baby are fine.

Two Lost Grey Horses Cause Police Headache

District Ontario Provincial Police officers are still looking for the owner of two grey work horses (make and model undiscernable) that have been wandering around the Speyside area this week. One of the horses wandered onto highway 25 just above Speyside on Monday and caused \$150 damage to a car when the two modes of transportation collided.

Driver of the car was William Roszell, 331 Peel St., Acton. The horse was not noticeably injured. Police have stored the two equestrians at a farmer's and are hoping the owner will soon show up to claim them.

Wheel Stealers Carry Own Jack

Police are still looking for a thief or thieves who jacked up a car parked behind the Charles Hotel, Main Street, during the night of December 23 and stole the rear wheels. The culprits also broke into the car and stole other property including skates, clothes and accessories valued at \$100.

Owner of the car was Ariel Feindel of Milton, who was staying at the hotel.

Issuer Gets First 1958 Car Licences

Shiny new white licence plates bearing black letters and the date 1958 went on sale Thursday morning of last week at the Clement Paint and Wallpaper Store, Main Street. With them are offered hundreds of operator and chauffeur driving licenses for Milton and area drivers.

Local issuer Boyne Clement was, as is the usual custom, the first person to receive his car markers, and took number 946-901.

Motorists are reminded of the March deadline, and also reminded that it costs an extra \$5 for your plates if you don't produce a card from your insurance company showing the vehicle insured against public liability and property damage.

Mr. Clement reported the rush hasn't been too heavy during the first week but urged motorists to renew their licenses before the final week, pointing out no extension of the deadline would be given this year.

Sorry

Because of space limitations and an abundance of correspondence this week, some articles have been forced out and will be held for next week's issue.

Sideswipe on Hill Causes \$400 Damage

A sideswipe on a hill on No. 22 Sideroad near the Third Line of Esqueping Sunday caused about \$200 to each of two cars involved. District O.P.P. Constable Roy Hazlett reported the drivers were Frank Bentoin of R.R. 4, Acton and Clifford Stover, 25 Main Street, Milton.

Same Installation Quarters Since 1912, Lodge Has New Hall

Installing Master J. C. Cunningham and his installing board installed the officers of St. Clair Lodge 130 AF and AM for 1958 in the Masonic Hall on Main Street at the December meeting. The installation ceremonies have always been held in this building since 1912, but this was the last installation at these quarters. St. Clair Lodge has moved to the new lodge hall at the old Bows Church on Highway 25 two miles south of Milton, where all future meetings will be held.

Following are the officers installed and installed: W. Master, W. Bro. Clarence A. Peacock; I.P.M. W. Bro. C. N. Kerr; S.W. Bro. K. Y. Dick; J.W. Bro. Frank Chisholm; chaplain, Bro. J. H. McKay; treasurer, W. Bro. R. M. Clements; secretary, V. W. Bro. J. H. Willmott; assistant secretary, Bro. Neil A. McPhail; S.D. Bro. Chas. H. Fay; J.D. Bro. Morley Rasberry; D. of C. W. Bro. O. L. Hadley; I. G. Bro. C. W. Thomson; Tyler, Bro. C. G. Chas. Thomson; S. Steward, Bro. S. G. Childs; J. Steward, Howard J. Armstrong; auditors, W. Bros. L. L. Crawford and F. W. B. Fitzgerald.

'57 Fire Damage Totals \$49,211 Fire Chief Asks Additional Men

In the Milton fire area during last year a loss of \$49,211.00 in property was reported. The brigade answered 44 calls, in Milton itself and portions of Esqueping, Nassagaweya, Trafalgar and Nelson townships.

Fire Chief A. E. Clement called for more men in his annual report to area councils. He said the membership should be increased to 30, as some of the present brigade are unable to leave their jobs during working days to answer rural calls.

The largest fire loss was in Nassagaweya township. A fire totalling \$11,500.00 swept through the home

of E. A. Elsley, concession four, Jan. 12.

Nassagaweya ranked highest in total losses with \$19,430.00, next was Esqueping with \$14,250.00, Milton was next with \$12,375.00, then Trafalgar with \$2,256.00, and Nelson registered only \$1,000 in damages.

Few injuries to the brigade were reported. The most serious was a dislocated shoulder and knee injury to Assistant Chief George Bundy.

Members of the brigade also attended a number of courses during 1957. Fire drills and poster contests helped stress fire prevention.

Council of Canada's Largest New Town Convenes at Impressive '58 Inaugural

With all the pomp and pageantry warranted by such an historic occasion, the first meeting of the 12-man council of the new enlarged town of Burlington got underway at 11 o'clock Monday morning in the offices of the Burlington police. Presentations, promises, predictions and messages of congratulations from several county dignitaries highlighted the inaugural sitting of the members who represent what was formerly the town,

Nelson township and portions of East Flamboro township.

Their will be the job of governing the complicated mass of urban and rural life stretched over 55,000 acres and inhabited by 32,000 people.

Members of the governing body include Mayor John A. Lockhart, reeve Bill Hourigan, deputy-reeve William C. Tyrell and councillors Raymond Bryant from ward one, Loron Laing from ward two, Roy

P. Pennington from ward three, E. W. "Ted" Smith from ward four, William Couits from ward five, Harry F. Allan from ward six, Cyril Ashcroft from ward seven, Wm. J. Bennett from ward eight and Ed Morrow from ward nine.

All, with the exception of Mr. Bennett, who received an acclamation, were named to the post through the December election.

Clerk M. M. Bush conducted the swearing-in ceremony and Dennis

Shrive, president of the senior Chamber of Commerce, handed a golden chain of office to Federal Member of Parliament C. A. "Sandy" Best, who made the presentation to Mayor Lockhart for the Chamber.

Rev. H. Mansfield of St. Christopher's Anglican church conducted the devotional service. Mayor Lockhart, in his inaugural address, said "this date will be recorded as a memorable one in the history of Burlington. History is being made."

Culmination of Dreams
"Here," he said, "we see the culmination of our dreams. But this will be a year of levelling off, a year of study and stocktaking, a year of planning."

"Some will have doubts as to the wisdom of our move," he continued, and warned his council of failure to cope with the merger of town and townships. "Council must take the lead to the day when there will be no boundaries and a good community spirit among all," he explained. "If we meet all the problems in the proper manner I am sure of the ultimate success we shall have."

Outlining projects that will require attention, he earmarked a road and street development program, elimination of dangerous train crossings, development of more housing surveys, construction of sidewalks, street lighting, expansion of sanitary and fire, police and traffic services, and local transportation. "Council must have vision, courage and faith in the future," he warned.

Another job for the 1958 council would be the establishment of an aggressive industrial policy, His Worship said. He expressed his thanks to all the municipal employees and past councillors, and especially the integration committee which has studied the merger of municipalities since it was first talked of.

Former mayors E. Hughes Cleaver, Elgin A. Harris, Lloyd D. Dingle, George R. Harris, Norman Craig, Gordon C. Blair and Major E. R. Leather were introduced. Other speakers expressing congratulations and best wishes for success of the 1958 council were Harold Adkins, reeve of what was formerly Nelson township, Mayor Lloyd D. Jackson of neighboring Hamilton, last year's Halton County Warden Thomas Millward, county Judge Robinson and Provincial Member Stanley Hall.

A luncheon at the Brant Inn followed the meeting.

Plenty to Laugh At
Spectators at the historic meeting found plenty to laugh about in spite of the grave atmosphere which normally hovers over such an event. To some, the meeting looked somewhat like the opening of parliament as over a dozen reporters and cameramen from radio and television stations, daily and weekly newspapers, swarmed over the room with buzzing cameras, flashing bulbs and humming tape recorders.

Reeve Adkins in his address said he preferred not to think of the start of the new community as a birth of a new municipality as Mayor Lockhart had called it, but rather as a wedding of three—two grooms and a bride.

Mayor Jackson of Hamilton referred to himself as a municipal cannibal from the "sprawling oct-

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Co-Operation, Planning Stressed by Trafalgar

The assistance and co-operation of all ratepayers in the township and the best possible planning for the years ahead were the two main points of order stressed Monday evening when Trafalgar's 1958 council held its inaugural meeting in the township hall before a large audience of ratepayers, officials and former councillors.

In outlining the council's thoughts for the coming year, new Reeve J. Alec Phillips asked for assistance and co-operation from all the residents and warned "we must consider the township's security first."

"With rising costs and expanding economy, it is wise to plan now for the future," he pointed out, explaining he would ask for a budget from all the township committees and departments before any decisions are reached "then we'll decide what projects to start first."

See Assessment Up
"We hope for a rapid assessment increase," he continued, "and I think it is essential at the outset to make up our minds what we can do and what we can't do." He stressed the importance of periodic meetings with other boards and committees in the township, and suggested semi-monthly meetings of all the department heads to co-ordinate services.

He noted the new procedural by-law now in effect means a Thursday deadline for delegation appointments and correspondence so that letters could be photostated and sent to councillors for study over the week-end.

He said no councillors would be appointed to boards and committees outside their council work, to make it easier for them to devote as much time as possible to matters facing council. As well, he emphasized, when council votes on a subject, the decision will remain township policy after that.

The reeve introduced the following committees for 1958—works, Near and Crutcher; finance, Bulmer and Peacock; planning and conservation, Cond and Willmott.

Reeve Phillips introduced deputy-reeve Frederick J. Near and councillors Martin Crutcher, A. Larry Cond, Elgar Bulmer, Arthur Peacock and J. H. Willmott and some of the township employees present including council clerk John Gray, township clerk S. A. Featherstone, treasurer John White and clerk's assistant Lorne Cutts, and praised all the employees for their faithful work in the past.

Former Reeves Attend
Former Reeves Robert Marshall, W. Biggar, Emmerson Ford, Mr. Gilbert and Joe Wickson were also introduced. Immediate past reeve Donald Bath was unable to attend because of illness.

Rev. J. N. McPaul, who conducted the worship service, asked council to take stock of the past years and forget the things that will be a hindrance in the coming year. A suggested resolution for the new council, the retired Presbyterian minister explained, would be "We're going to give our very best in the year ahead."

To the assembled ratepayers, he asked for their hearty support of council and scored the lack of appreciation for their efforts. "You will find our council will do a better job with a bit of appreciation," he summed up.

"We're all called to service and there is nothing finer than to serve," concluded the speaker.

Council passed briefly over the accounts and correspondence before them, then adjourned the meeting for light refreshments served by township employees.

Meetings this year will be held every Monday night, instead of the practice of meeting all day Monday of every other week.



CHAIN OF OFFICE for the Mayor of the new town of Burlington was presented Monday morning when Mayor John A. Lockhart, centre, convened the council's first meeting. Federal M.P., C. A. "Sandy" Best, left, presents the chain on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, while Hamilton city Mayor Lloyd D. Jackson, right, looks on.

Mayor Childs Convenes 1958 Inaugural Council Okays Help on Hospital Water

Following the reading of the minutes and approval of 1957 accounts, Mayor Ledwith turned the chain of office over to Mayor S. Childs as members of 1958 council were sworn in and the inaugural session of Milton Council was instituted.

In retiring former Mayor Ledwith expressed his appreciation for the assistance received from the members and employees during the past year. Rev. Powell conducted brief prayer following the swearing-in ceremony.

Mayor Childs named a striking committee of Reeve Cunningham and Councillors Charlton and Wilson who named the following committees: Finance and arena, Charlton, Johnson, Reid; fire, light and police, Johnson, Desjardine, Wilson; Waterworks, Reid, Charlton, Johnson; sewers and sanitation, Wilson, Slessor, Cunningham; properties and contingencies, Slessor, Reid, Pettit; parks and recreation, Desjardine, Pettit, Slessor; Streets and Walks, Cunningham, Wilson, Charlton.

Approve Hospital Service
Council approved installation of an eight inch water main from the two inch main across Bronte St. to provide a six inch service to the Milton District Hospital Site. The Board is to be charged for the work which is to be done by the town workmen. The municipality is to pay the difference between six and eight inch pipe for a distance of 30 feet at a total cost of \$200 including a valve.

This action was taken after Dave Green submitted sketch plans of the installation and stressed the urgency of early action. He explained that it was hoped tenders for the building would be called in February.

Town Foreman Bruce McKerr reported the final work had been done to prepare the former ice plant area in the arena for use as a town garage. He noted the lack of heat and prices were to be obtained from local contractors for the heating of the building.

The foreman also reported the need for installing two eight inch valves at the new sewer plant at a cost of approximately \$200. The valves were needed to cope with flood conditions that might arise and had not been included in the contract. Council authorized this addition as well as the increasing of the water service line from 4 to 6 of an inch to one inch.

Library Appointments
Council accepted the resignation of C. Coulbeck from the Library Board and appointed Peter McWilliams for one year and Stuart

Loekie for three years.

The Milton District Horticultural Society asked that council take action on the development of the triangular land as a park, north of the base line. The Society also suggested the council form a parks commission with the co-operation of the Society that they might assist in the development of the beauty spots of the town.

Deputy Reeve Pettit emphasized the triangular park could not be used until a chain link fence was erected. Other members noted the original intention was to fill the land by the sanitary land fill method before developing. The Society also invited members of council to their next meeting. Council expressed its appreciation for the invitation and referred the park development to the parks and recreation committee.

The chairman of the streets and walks committee was instructed to investigate a drainage complaint from Murray Black on Court St. Council approved the requisition

of \$19,942.05 to the Public School Board for work on the W. I. Dick school.

The Halton Agricultural Society wrote that the complaints of dust from the race track were being discussed with the horse men since no meeting of the society was expected before the annual meeting.

Solicitor P. K. McWilliams reviewed that it was expected the suit against Davies and Davies, developers of the Mountainview area, for costs in road work, would be heard before the end of January.

Finalize Bridge Cost
Final approval was received on the by-law authorizing the expenditure of \$12,314 for the bridge and approaches to the W. I. Dick Public School. The by-law was given its third reading.

Membership in the Ontario Good Roads Association was approved with the foreman delegated to attend the annual convention. Councillor Pettit thanked the local organizations who had assisted.

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MEMBERS OF COUNCIL met Tuesday evening in the Milton Council Chambers, to begin the year's activity. Mayor Sydney G. Childs, who takes over the Mayor's chair for the first time this year, is seen at the left of the front row. With him, left to right, are: Reeve Robert C. Cunningham, Deputy-Reeve Mrs. Mary S. Peti, Councillors Arthur Desjardine, Charles Wilson and Ivan K. Slessor. Standing at rear are town clerk Jim Costigan, and Councillors John Charlton, Charles Johnson and Robert Reid.



TRAFALGAR COUNCIL held its inaugural meeting of 1958 at the township hall Monday evening before a large attendance of former Reeves and township residents. Reeve F. Alec. Phillips, who has served on council since 1941, took over his duties as Reeve for the first time. Seated in front, left to right, are deputy-reeve Fred J. Near, Reeve Phillips, and councillor Jos. H. Willmott. Standing, left to right, are councillors A. L. Cond, Martin Crutcher, Arthur Peacock, and Edgar Bulmer.

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